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West Germany: [The decision not to revalue the deutschemark has placed a heavy strain on the governing coalition in Bonn.]

[The West German cabinet, which met on 9 May, split along party lines, with the Social Democrats favoring a revaluation and the Christian Democrats opposing such a move.]

[Economics Minister Schiller, a Social Democrat, reportedly refused to preside over the economics sub-cabinet group that has been charged with the task of working out alternative measures to revaluation. There are no further indications at this time that the Social Democrats might risk a government crisis over the monetary issue.]

[The political atmosphere is volatile, however, in part because the major Bonn leaders have their eyes focused on the national election next September. The Christian Democrats believe that a refusal to revalue increases their chances for victory. A public opinion poll has shown 87 percent opposed to revaluation.]

[If the flight to the mark continues, tensions between the coalition partners are likely to build. Revaluation is still possible soon.]

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